

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

GIRLS' TOURNEY TO OPEN TOMORROW

Second Interclass Meet to Be Staged at High School Gymnasium Running Two Weeks.

SENIORS LOOK THE STRONGEST

Junior Co-Eds Confident and Warm Battles Are Expected Before Big Contest Ends.

Tomorrow will witness the opening of the second interclass basketball tournament at the Rock Island high school, this time between the girls. In point of interest, this tournament may even exceed the boys' tournament of last week, for the junior girls are now loudly proclaiming that they are not to be outdone by the male members of their class and that they are going after a championship also. On the other hand, the fair members of the senior class are, if anything, even more fierce in their demand for revenge and prophesy confidently that the scalps of their opponents will be hung as trophies in the senior hall.

According to dope, the seniors of course have it on the underclassmen, securing the championship for their girls as well as for their boys last year, but if dope is to be upset in this meet as it was in that of the boys, it is hard to tell just what will happen. It is certain that the inclemency of the season has made its inroads on the senior team, for at present both of the star senior guards are out of running, Jeannette Riddell being out with the pleurisy and Frances Rhoads also off the job with an attack of sickness. However, the team has but one game to face this week and may be in better condition next week. The underclassmen are showing up well and there will doubtless be many surprises from them. The senior hope at present is fixed on Alberta Glasco, the shark basket shooter and forward on the team and if she can only keep up to her old record, a good deal is assured in that fact.

The schedule is as follows:
Wednesday, Jan. 19—Seniors vs. freshmen and sophomores vs. juniors.
Wednesday, Jan. 26—Sophomores vs. seniors and juniors vs. freshmen.
Friday, Jan. 28—Seniors vs. juniors and sophomores vs. freshmen.

The Lineups.

The teams will line up as follows:
Seniors: Alberta Glasco and Evelyn Eckart, forwards; Elizabeth Bahcock, center; Florence Watson and Mildred Adams, guards.
Juniors: Melba Carlson and Myrtle Jens, forwards; Beth Emery, center; Elizabeth Swisher and Florence Livingston, guards.

Sophomores: Norma Wiggers and Frieda Nuessli, forwards; Clara Arnell, center; Margaret Morrison and Catherine Hackstedt, guards.
Freshmen: G. Van Postel and Arvilla Whisler, forwards; Evelyn Hudson, center; Gertrude Pating and P. Stauduhar, guards.

KID FARMER PASSES TO REST IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Benny Feinberg ("Kid Farmer") died at his home, 1722 Hastings street, yesterday. He had a long string of fights and was an aspirant for the middleweight crown in the days of Stanley Ketchel. Through hard and excessive training to keep in condition, his friends say, he contracted tuberculosis, which caused his death.

The funeral was held today from the undertaking rooms of Weinstein Bros., 1722 West Twelfth street.

FARRELL TO REOPEN DECATUR CLUB CASE

Secretary John H. Farrell of the National association, in a letter to James A. Corbett of St. Louis, formerly of Decatur, but now of St. Louis and head of the Decatur baseball club until that organization tossed the sponge in the ring, says that the National association has consented to reopen the case of Decatur vs. the Three-Eye league.

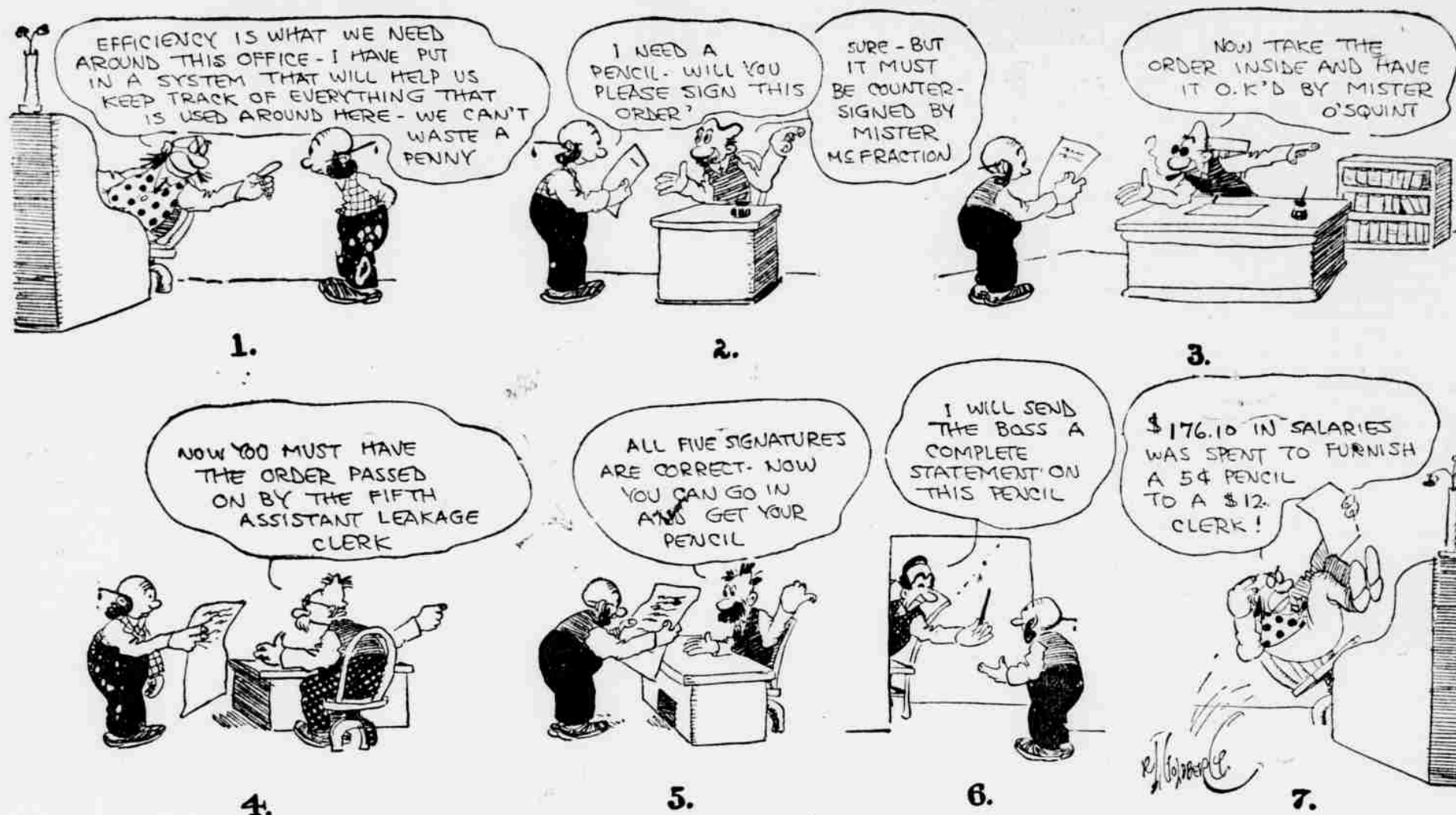
This is the case in which Mr. Corbett threatened to drag the Three-Eye league through the courts. But he didn't do it. He decided on another and probably better plan. The national board will review the case and give another decision on it. Mr. Corbett, if the decision is not favorable, says that he will press the matter to the national commission.

The national board heard the case at San Francisco. There it awarded the Decatur forfeit money of \$500 to the Three-Eye league.

Big Pin Meet for Kenosha.
Kenosha, Wis., Jan. 18.—The Wisconsin state bowling tourney to be held in Kenosha starting Jan. 27, will be the biggest in the history of the game in Wisconsin. Entries closed last evening with an assurance of 325 teams, this being nearly a hundred more than entered for the tournament last year.

Knabe May Join Yanks.
Baltimore, Jan. 18.—It was learned yesterday from a reliable source that Otto Knabe, manager of the local Federals, had been recommended as second baseman to the New York Yankees and that consideration is being given to the purchase of the former Terrapin leader.

THE EFFICIENCY OF EFFICIENCY IS NOT ALWAYS EFFICIENT—By Goldberg.



THREE OF TINKER MEN TO GO WEST

Fisher, McLarry and Schoor Will Pass Time in Sunny Clime on Pacific Coming Summer.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Three more members of the Cubs passed out of the major league and into the minors yesterday when President Weeghman and Manager Tinker closed a deal with Frank Chance and Johnny Powers, which transferred the services of Shortstop Bob Fisher, Utility Infielder McLarry, and Pitcher Schoor to the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league.

The sale was made after the local magnates had failed to make a deal involving Fisher with the Indianapolis club. About a week ago, Manager Chance wired to Tinker and asked for a price on the three men named, but no deal was made until after the American Association club owners and managers, who were here to attend last Saturday's meeting.

Owner McGill and Manager Hendricks of the Indianapolis club called upon Weeghman and Tinker yesterday morning and after a long talk, declined to take any of the Cubs at the price asked. They wanted Fisher, but were unwilling to pay as much as the locals thought the shortstop was worth. They wanted one or two other men of the old west side team, but left without coming to terms. Tinker immediately got busy on the wires, and before dark had closed with Los Angeles for the sale of the three men.

In Fisher, the Coast League club will have a player who is bound to be a star, because he was almost fast enough to star in the majors. Fisher hit close to the 300 mark for the Cubs last season and had more fire and energy than any other man on the team. He is unable to cover as much ground as the average major league shortstop and only for that reason was sent back to the minors.

Tinker preferred Mike Doolan as shortstop for his new Cub team, as the latter is one of the greatest defensive players in the game. He is not, however, as good a batter as Fisher.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF MEN TO FORM BODY

New York, Jan. 18.—As the first step in a movement to organize a national professional golfers' association here, 32 professionals have signed application for membership in the proposed organization.

The men behind the movement include leaders in the game or past or present champions such as Francis Gulmet, A. W. Tillinghast, John G. Anderson, Gilbert Nicholls, Alex Smith and George Long.

One of the reasons for organization is that the professionals desire to have a voice in the selection of the courses on which the open championship of the United States Golf association is played. It is proposed also to open a bureau where professionals may apply for situations and to which golf clubs may send requests for instructors.

GIBBONS AND AHEARN MEET IN GO TONIGHT

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 18.—Both Mike Gibbons and Young Ahearn are in excellent condition for their 10-round, no-decision bout here tonight. Ahearn, weighing about 158 pounds, will have a four-pound advantage of Gibbons. Gibbons won from Ahearn by a knockout in their previous meeting in 1913.

SPORT GOSSIP

That professional sport suffers perpetual setbacks, no matter in what part of the world it is staged, is shown by the recent events both in this country and England. Baseball is just emerging from a season of depression, financial and otherwise, in this country while in England soccer, which corresponds to baseball in the United States, is being subjected to an investigation and housecleaning. Public interest in professional soccer has been seriously affected throughout the British Isles, by disclosures which involved the honesty of some of the players. The facts were brought out at an inquiry conducted by the Football league and the Football association with the result that eight men were permanently barred from playing. Four of these professionals were members of the Liverpool club, three belonged to the Manchester United club and the other one played on the team of the Chester club. No suspicion was attached to any officials of these organizations but it was proved that certain players, conspiring to throw the game, placed bets on the match last season.

In England professional football—the association or soccer game—takes the place of professional baseball in the United States. Rugby is confined to colleges, and cricket corresponds to tennis so far as public interest is concerned. But the big association matches draw crowds of from 50,000 to 1-60,000 while there is no field large enough to accommodate the people at the final match for the English cup in times of peace. Like professional baseball, professional football has managed to keep an untainted reputation as a general thing. But in spite of heavy gate receipts, the British professionals are poorly paid and their small pay may have tempted the accused men to make a bit on the side by dishonest playing.

BOSTON BRAVES ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR

Boston, Jan. 18.—"The Braves are in need of repair. We will have to patch up several spots and we shall set about it at once," Manager George T. Stallings said yesterday after a conference with Percy Haughton, the new president of the club. He had come up from the south for the purpose. Stallings said he had several deals in mind which if consummated, would bring to Boston the men needed to bolster the team. A catcher, a pitcher, and an infielder are especially needed, he said.

O'LEARYS TO SHOOT IN AURORA TOURNEY

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 18.—The O'Learys, former national champions, are the first Chicago team to send in their entry in the Interstate Bowling tournament to Secretary Edward Wigan. Nick Bruck has entered his five in all four events. Other Chicago entries are either being filed with Secretary Jacob Mueller in Chicago or will be mailed Thursday, which is the last day for entries. The Aurora Bowling association expects entries from 150 five-men teams, most of them from Chicago. The meet will open Jan. 27 and close Feb. 7.

Peorian Dropped by Majors.
Peoria, Ill., Jan. 18.—Larry Pratt, catcher for the Boston Red Sox in the spring of 1915, and later for the Brooklyn and Newark clubs of the Federal league, has been signed by the Salt Lake City club of the Pacific Coast league. It was announced here today.

GIANTS GRAB OFF THREE FED STARS

Benny Kauff, Bill Rariden and Fred Anderson Go to New York for Sum of \$65,000.

McGraw STRENGTHENS LINEUP

Hempstead Steals March on Other Clubs and Deal Comes as Surprise — Kauff May Block Sale.

New York, Jan. 18.—The Giants stole a march on all the clubs in organized baseball yesterday and plucked three of the brightest stars from the Federal league. Benny Kauff, best batsman; Bill Rariden, star catcher, and big Fred Anderson, pitcher, were purchased from Harry F. Sinclair at a price said to be \$65,000.

Manager McGraw of the Giants believes that the acquisition of these three players will do much to strengthen the weak spots in his club and give the Giants a promising outlook for next season. The club is not through in its search for new players.

The New York club assumed the contracts which the players had signed with the Federal League clubs. Kauff's contract has two years to run and is said to call for \$8,000 a year. The Giants also have a contract for three years with Kauff which he signed last summer when he jumped to the Giants. This contract caused a fiasco in baseball at the time and resulted in Kauff bringing suit against the New York club for \$6,000, the amount of the bonus which he claims was promised him for signing. President Hempstead stated yesterday that the club would soon have a conference with Kauff and the suit and other details of the transfer of the player would be fixed up satisfactory to all concerned.

Kauff has been the star of the Federal league for two years. In 1914, when he was with the pennant-winning Indianapolis club, he finished the season with a batting average of .366 and had 75 stolen bases to his credit. Last year, with the Brooklyn club, he led the Federals with a batting average of .344 and stole 54 bases.

Rariden Valuable.
Behind the bat Bill Rariden should strengthen the Giants, where they were weak last season. Rariden was the best of the Federal league catchers last season with the Newark Federals. He played in 142 games and had a batting average of .278 and a fielding average of .978.

Manager McGraw looks upon Anderson as the prize of the three players. He is sadly in need of experienced pitchers and regards the former Buffalo player as a valuable acquisition. Anderson last season pitched in 36 games; he won 19 and lost 13. He struck out 144 batsmen.

New York, Jan. 18.—Benny Kauff, Federal league heavy hitter, is standing in the way of his sale to the Giants. It was rumored here yesterday. It is said Kauff's sale has been arranged at a figure around \$30,000, but he refuses to withdraw his suit against the New York club unless given a part of the purchase price.

The suit against the Giants followed Kauff's jump from the Brookfords to John McGraw's club last spring and his return to the Federals. He claims he has a contract with the Giants.

One of the recent heroes of the war was a poodle, which during a Paris fire, caused by a German bomb, dashed into the tenement house and brought back in his mouth a doll, which was welcomed with glad cries by the little French "mother."

SPLINTERS OF SPORT

Long distance ice skaters are looking forward with interest to the marathon skating race which is planned for Cohoes, N. Y., late this month. It is proposed to stage the race at 26 miles and 285 yards, the full marathon distance. Several of the best skaters of the race should be one of unusual interest.

Frank Mantell, the former middleweight, who retired from the ring recently has been appointed to the police force of Bayton, Ohio. He will act as physical director to the force in addition to acting as boxing instructor to the strong arm squad.

All the news all the time—The Argus

WILLARD ALREADY TRAINING FOR GO

Jess Signs to Meet Jack Moran in New York in April and Starts Workouts at Once.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 18.—Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, who last night signed to meet Frank Moran of Pittsburgh in a ten round fight in New York between April 10 and 20, will start training at once for the contest. Tom Jones, his manager, announced today. Jones and Willard left for Excelsior Springs, Mo., where the champion intends to do some of the preliminary training.

Jack Curley, who is promoting the fight, left to get Moran's signature. The article of agreement, which gives Willard \$32,500 or the privilege of 45 per cent of the gate receipts after the state tax is deducted and 51 per cent of the money from the motion picture rights, stipulate that unless Moran is signed by Feb. 1, the contract becomes void.

Curley stated that he had a place in New York that will seat 20,000 persons and he intends to hold the fight in the open air.

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